

Such a diversity of behaviour patterns and specialisations indicates long evolution. Comparative study of the structure of the ovipositor suggests the same. Those species that insert their eggs into the plant itself have a strong, sclerotized, toothed ovipositor. These species are *P. saccharacida*, *M. unicolor*, *S. australis* and *K. australis*. The other species, *S. acuta*, *O. felis*, *P. leucostigma*, *P. perpusilla* and *P. candelaria* have short ovipositors, sometimes only a series of soft lobes whose main function is to manipulate the egg into the right position and then spread any waxy covering. It is of interest to note that *Melicharia unicolor* and *Siphanta acuta*, although belonging to the same family (Flatidae), have quite different oviposition behaviour.

Such morphological variation can only be reached by long evolution and is associated, in the Fulgoroidea, with specialisation of oviposition habits.

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Although dated 1974 this title was not published until 1975. While I have been unable to determine the exact date of publication it was almost certainly during March 1975. The publisher has informed me that no records are kept by them relating to the dates of release of their books. The printers, however, have advised that they did not ship stocks of this book from their Hong Kong factory until December 1974. Requests for accession dates from major libraries revealed that the earliest acquired copy was one purchased by the State Library of Victoria, Melbourne, registered on 13th March 1975. Mr A. J. Fraser, manager of Australian Entomological Supplies, Sydney, has advised that copies ordered in 1974 were not delivered until March 1975, the publisher's invoice being dated 5th March 1975. The author of the book has confirmed that the date of publication was about this time and adds that there was an additional delay after copies arrived in Australia because of the necessity to reprint the dust jacket.

It is interesting to note that the book was reviewed in the December 1974 issue of the *Victorian Ent.*, 4(6): 82-83. and that this issue did in fact appear in December 1974. This anomaly can be explained. I wrote to Mr D'Abnera concerning this matter and he replied saying that some advanced review copies of the book were forwarded to the publishers by the Hong Kong printers. The review in question, although unsigned, was written by W. N. B. Quick who, at that time, was Acting Editor of the *Victorian Ent.* Mr Quick tells me that following receipt by him of his advanced review copy in December 1974 he was able to immediately write the review and include it in the journal's December issue he was then preparing. The *Victorian Ent.* was then in cyclostyled form and also at that time Mr Quick was cutting the stencils, duplicating, and stapling the issues himself. Hence the ability to publish the review so quickly. The exact price of the book was then unknown and is quoted in the review as 'about \$12'. The book finally sold at \$12.95.

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